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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING YIELD AND VIGOR OF PLANTS

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to Request for Continued Examination.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:
one month

Fee for other than small entity:
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5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on June 26, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

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